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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE THANKING PRESIDENT FOR FOR
HIS CONGRATULATIONS ON BOUMEDIENE'S ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF
ALGERIA. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH IS AS
FOLLOWS:

"I THANK YOU VERY SINCERELY FOR THE KIND MESSAGE OF
CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES WHICH YOU HAVE ADDRESSED TO
ME ON THE OCCASION OF MY ELECTION TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE
ALGERIAN DEMOCRATIC AND POPULAR REPUBLIC. I CAN ASSURE YOU
THAT THE FEELINGS OF ESTEEM AND FRIENDSHIP WHICH YOU HAVE
EXPRESSED, BOTH TO ME AND TO THE ALGERIAN PEOPLE, HAVE
TOUCHED US DEEPLY.

"FOR MY PART, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS TO YOU ONCE MORE
THE HIGH REGARD IN WHICH THE ALGERIAN PEOPLE HAS ALWAYS
HELD THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AS WELL AS OUR CONFIDENCE IN
THE BONDS OF UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDSHIP WHICH LINK OUR
TWO PEOPLES. I HOLD THE WISH THAT OUR RELATIONS OF
COOPERATION, FOUNDED AS THEY ARE ON OUR MUTUAL DESIRE
FOR GROWTH AND CONSOLIDATION, MAY CONTINUE TO DEVELOP TO
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THE BEST ADVANTAGE OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
"PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, MY VERY BEST WISHES."

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